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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ON NICS IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

REFS: A. NICSMA (74)472

B. USNATO 5030

C. USNATO 5048

D. STATE 208296

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SUMMARY: USNATO REPRESENTATIVE (IN LIEU OF WASHINGTON EXPERTS)

ATTENDED MEETINGS HELD AT NATO HQ SEP 30-OCT 1, 1974. RESULTING

QUESTIONS REQUIRE ADDITIONAL DETAILED INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON.

MISSION BELIEVES WASHINGTON SHOULD ARRANGE AN EARLY FOLLOW-UP MEETING

WITH NICSMA TO ASSURE FULFILLMENT OF US RESPONSIBILITIES. END

SUMMARY.

1. IN REF A, DG/NICSMA PROVIDED DATES, AGENDA ITEMS AND TOPICS
FOR DISCUSSION FOR RESCHEDULED MEETING TO DISCUSS NICS IMPLEMENTATION
SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO CIVIL WORKS, POWER AND QUALITY
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CONTROL. REF B REQUESTED NAMES OF PLANNED US ATTENDEES. REF C
FURTHER AMPLIFIED REF B.

2. IN REF D, STATE DEPT REQUESTED USNATO PROVIDE US REP, ADVISING

THAT NO WASHINGTON REPS WOULD ATTEND. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS DIVISION(CED) USNATO, PROVIDED US REP (MR. CUNDARI).

3. ALTHOUGH REF A, PARA 4, STATED QUOTE MEETING IS PRIMARILY NOT INTENDED TO MAKE DEFINITE DECISIONS, BUT TO START FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS UNQUOTE, IT RAPIDLY BECAME APPARENT IN MEETING ITSELF THAT NICSMA INTENDED IT TO BE KICK-OFF MEETING TO PROVIDE NATIONAL REPS WITH IDEAS AND INFORMATION SO THAT NATIONS COULD BEGIN ACTIONS TOWARD FULFILLING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. MOST COUNTRIES PROVIDED A DELEGATION OF THREE OR MORE PEOPLE (UK SENT SIX) CONTAINING EXPERTS IN THE VARIOUS AREAS OF DISCUSSION.

4. MEETING FOLLOWED AGENDA (REF A) CLOSELY. FOR EACH ITEM, CHAIRMAN (BG VAN RHEENEN, NICSMA) STATED NICSMA'S PLANS AND IDEAS AND ASKED EACH COUNTRY FOR COMMENT. US REP RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS:

A. CIVIL WORKS AND SITE FACILITIES: US REP ESTIMATED THAT US AUTHORITIES COULD CPREPARE AND GAIN ACCEPTANCE OF A TYPE "B" ESTIMATE FOR EACH PROJECT (TARE, IVSN, SATCOM III GROUND TERMINAL) WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER RECEIVING ADEQUATE INFORMATION FROM NICSMA. US REP ESTIMATED THAT BENEFICIAL OCCUPANCY DATE FOR NEW EQUIPMENT BUILDINGS WOULD TAKE 24 TO 30 MONTHS AFTER P&P COMMITTEE APPROVAL AND 16-24 MONTHS FOR EXISTING COLLOCATED FACILITIES. COMMENT: THIS ITEM IS A VERY IMPORTANT ITEM BECAUSE SACLANT TARE IS SECOND IN LINE FOR INSTALLATION (EST. 25 MONTHS AFTER AWARD OR TARE CONTRACT). US FAILURE TO HAVE SACLANT FACILITY AVAILABLE AT PROPER TIME WOULD BE EMBARRASSING. CIVIL WORKS AT SACLANT COULD WELL BE PACING ITEM. END COMMENT.

B. QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) AND CONTROL SUPPORT BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES: US REP STATED US POSITION ON QA USING WASHINGTON GUIDANCE, AND SAID THAT US WILL PROVIDE QA FOR CIVIL WORKDS FREE OF CHARGE AND THAT US WILL PROVIDE QA FOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT PROCURED IN THE US. HOWEVER, US REP NOTED THAT IN CASE OF ELEC-TRONIC EQUIPMENT, US LAW REQUIRES CHARGES FOR EXTRA COSTS THAT ARE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO NATO PROCUREMENT.
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C. PROVISION OF TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AT INSTALLATION/CUTOVER TIME: US REP STATED THAT EACH CASE WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY AND U.S. ANSWER WOULD DEPEND WHETHER QUALIFIED PEOPLE WERE AVAILABLE AT APPROPRIATE TIME. US REP INDICATED THAT US LAW WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT. COMMENT: ALL COUNTRIES UNDERSTAND NICSMA'S PROBLEM OF ATTEMPTING TO DO INSTALLATIONS FOR THREE PROCUREMENTS (TARE, IVSN, SATCOM III GROUND TERMINALS) IN SAME TIME FRAME WITH LIMITED STAFF. MOST COUNTRIES STATED WILLING-NESS TO HELP ON A REIMBURSEMENT BASIS. END COMMENT.

D. ELECTRO MAGNETIC PULSE (EMP9 PROTECTION (PROTECTION CRITERIA): NICSMA AND NATIONAL REPS DISCUSSED PROBLEMS RELATED TO TOTAL SITE PROTECTION. MOST SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM DISCUSSED WAS EMP PROTECTION.

PRESENT CRITERIA STATES A REQUIREMENT FOR 35DB ATTENUATION OF PULSE. NICSMA POSITION IS THAT 100DB IS ACHIEVABLE AT LITTLE COST INCREASE. MOST COUNTRIES WERE UNABLE TO COMMENT FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE. REPS OF DENMARK, NORWAY, UK, AND GERMANY BELIEVED THAT NICSMA WAS PROBABLY MISTAKEN. US REP DID NOT HAVE TECHNICAL OR COST INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NICSMA PROPOSED A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY EMP PROBLEM. US REP DID NOT COMMIT US TO JOIN WG BUT STATED HE WOULD FIND OUT WASHINGTON INTEREST. COMMENT: NICSMA IS RELYING ON US TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND COST DATA BECAUSE US IS MOST EXPERIENCED. US REP SAID HE WOULD FIND OUT WHAT INFO IS AVAILABLE FROM US. NICSMA IS COUNTING ON US PARTICIPATION IF WG IS TO SUCCEED. END COMMENT.

5. GROUP DISCUSSED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL TOPICS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

A. DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN ADHERING TO SCHEDULES.

B. TENTATIVE IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULES FOR TARE, SATCOM AND IVSN.

C. DEVELOPMENT OF MOU WITH NATIONS.

D. PHYSICAL PROTECTION NATIONS.

6. US NATO RECOMMENDS THAT SECDEF ARRANGE AN EARLY MEETING WITH NICSMA PERSONNEL TO PURSUE NICS IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT. INFORMATION REQUIRED TO SATISFY PARA 4D ABOVE MAY PROVIDE EXCELLENT CONFIDENTIAL

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OPPORTUNITY. AFTER MEETING, ALLIES REMARKED APPARENT LACK OF U.S. INTEREST EVIDENCED BY NO WASHINGTON PARTICIPATION IN NICS IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT, DESPITE SECDEF'S URGING TO OTHER NATIONS TO ACCELERATE NICS. EARLY FOLLOW-ON MEETING WOULD HELP BY INDICATING THAT US MISREAD IMPORTANCE OF FIRST MEETING AND IS NOW EAGER TO PROCEED. FURTHER, US MUST AVOID DELAYING SACLANT TARE BECAUSE OF TARDY SITE PREPARATION.
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